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SENATE BILL 466

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AT NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY IN
LAS CRUCES IN DONA ANA COUNTY; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 21-8-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1889,
Chapter 138, Section 19, as amended) is amended to read:

"21-8-1. PURPOSE AND CHARACTER OF NEW MEXICO STATE
UNIVERSITY. -- [~~SEC. 112. The~~] New Mexico [~~College of Agriculture~~
~~and Mechanic Arts~~] state university shall be an institution of
learning open to the children of all the residents of this state
and to such other persons as the board of regents may determine,
under such terms, rules and regulations as may be prescribed by
[~~said~~] the board of regents. The university shall be
nonsectarian in character and devoted to practical instruction

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1 in agriculture and veterinary science, mechanic arts and natural
2 sciences connected therewith, as well as a thorough course of
3 instruction in all branches of learning bearing upon agriculture
4 and other industrial pursuits. "

5 Section 2. Section 21-8-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1889,
6 Chapter 138, Section 20, as amended) is amended to read:

7 "21-8-3. CURRICULUM - BOARD OF REGENTS--NUMBER--
8 QUALIFICATIONS--QUORUM --The course of instruction of [~~the~~
9 ~~college hereby created~~] New Mexico state university shall
10 embrace the English language, literature, mathematics,
11 philosophy, civil engineering, chemistry, [~~and~~] animal and
12 vegetable anatomy and physiology, veterinary medicine and the
13 veterinary art, entomology, geology, [~~and~~] political, rural and
14 household economy, horticulture, moral philosophy, history,
15 mechanics and such other sciences and courses of instruction as
16 shall be prescribed by the board of regents of [~~this institution~~
17 ~~of learning~~] New Mexico state university. The management of
18 [~~said college~~] the university and experiment station, the care
19 and preservation of all property of which [~~such institution~~] the
20 university shall become possessed, the erection and construction
21 of all buildings necessary for the use of [~~said college~~] the
22 university and station and the disbursement and expenditure of
23 all [~~moneys~~] money provided for by [~~this act~~] law shall be
24 vested in a board of five regents. [~~Said~~] The five regents
25 shall possess the same qualifications [~~as~~] required for the

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1 regents of the university of New Mexico. [~~Said~~] The regents
2 [~~and their successors in office~~] shall constitute a body
3 corporate with the name and style of the [~~The~~] regents of [~~the~~]
4 New Mexico [~~College of agriculture and mechanic arts~~] state
5 university, with the right as such of suing and being sued, [~~of~~]
6 contracting and being contracted with, [~~of~~] making and using a
7 common seal and altering the same at pleasure [~~of~~] and causing
8 all things to be done necessary to carry out the provisions of
9 law. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the
10 transaction of business, but a [~~less~~] lesser number may adjourn
11 from time to time."

12 Section 3. APPROPRIATION. -- Three hundred million dollars
13 (\$300,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
14 board of regents of New Mexico state university for expenditure
15 in fiscal year 1998 for the purpose of establishing, making
16 capital expenditures for and operating a school of veterinary
17 medicine at the main campus of New Mexico state university in
18 Las Cruces. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at
19 the end of fiscal year 1998 shall revert to the general fund.

20 Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the
21 provisions of this act is July 1, 1997.

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